

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-113

For: County Offices

**Presidential Major Disaster Declaration M1465
Amendment #2 and #4**

Approved by: State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective May 22, 2003, President Bush amended the above declaration declared in Oklahoma based on damages and losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred from May 8 through May 30, 2003. As a result of this declaration, Federal disaster assistance, including FSA emergency loans is available for eligible family farmers.

Disposal	Distribution
October 1, 2004	All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following county(s) in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster county(s):

Benton

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through January 22, 2004 and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded M1465.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is May 8, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

File this notice in chronological order with 3-FLP series notices.

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Exhibit 1

Farm

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United States

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Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

County in Arkansas Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., May 22, 2003 -- President Bush amended Presidential Major Disaster declared in Oklahoma based on damages and losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes, that occurred from May 8 through May 30, 2003.

The following Arkansas county is also eligible because it is contiguous to the disaster declared counties in Missouri:

Benton

Farmers in the disaster area have until January 22, 2004, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.